

Alaska Local and Regional Information

Workforce Info

Copper Center

Copper Center is an unincorporated CDP located along the Richardson Highway between Mileposts 101 and 105. It is on the west bank of the Copper River at the confluence of the Klutina River. Copper Center is part of the Valdez-Cordova Census Area.

- ♦ The estimated population for 2008 was 294, a loss of about 68 since the 2000 Census.
- ♦ About 60 percent of the resident population 16+ years old worked in 2008.
- ♦ Trade, Transportation and Utilities was the main industry in 2008, employing 17 percent of the area's workers.
- ♦ More workers were employed as Operating Engineers and Other Construction Equipment Operators than any other occupation.

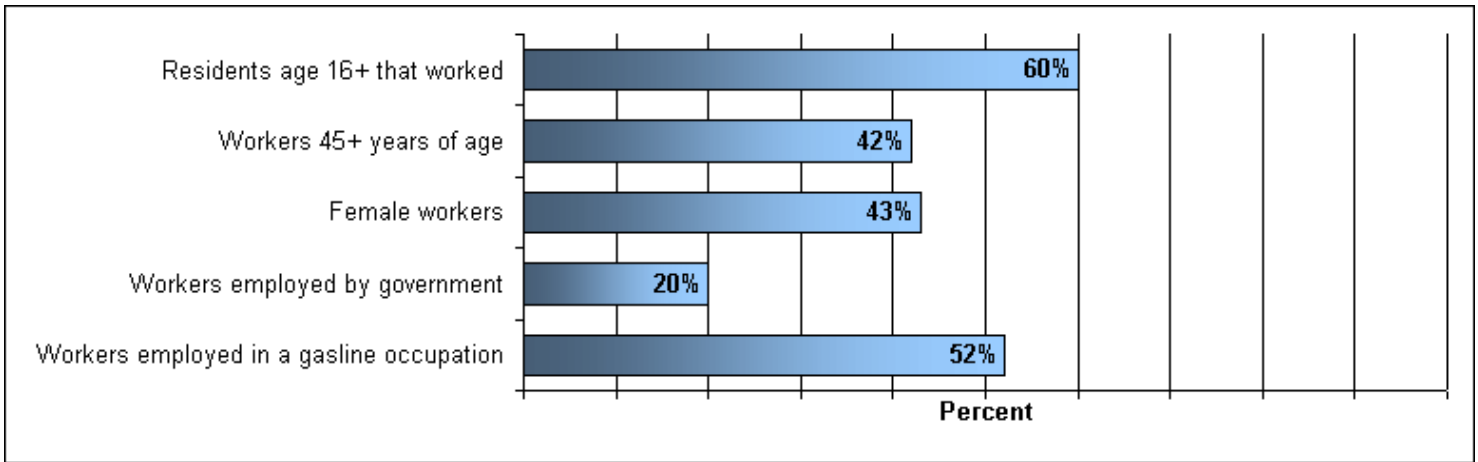
Please note: There is an important distinction between the local/regional employment data and our "standard" employment series. Most of these data reflect totals for area residents only. Total worker counts may be lower than expected in areas with a large number of nonresident workers. The Alaska Permanent Fund dividend file is used to determine the worker's geographic residence. Only Alaska residents (as defined by PFD application) are included in these totals. Also note that federal employees, the military, and the self-employed are not included in these data.

Copper Center Resident Snapshot (2008)

Working Age Residents		Wages	
Residents age 16+	193	Total wages	\$3,261,559
Resident Worker Characteristics		Resident Workers by Sector	
Total	115	Private	92
Male	65	State government	6
Female	50	Local government	17
Age 45+	48	Quarterly Number of Resident Workers	
Age 50+	33	Peak (2nd) quarter workers	105
		Percent working all 4 quarters	56.5%
Unemployment		Construction/AGIA Occupation Experience (2004-2008)	
UI Claimants	33	Some construction	30
		At least 1 year construction	16
		At least 2 years construction	11
New Hires		Worked in an AGIA occupation	109
New hires	56		

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2008 Residents

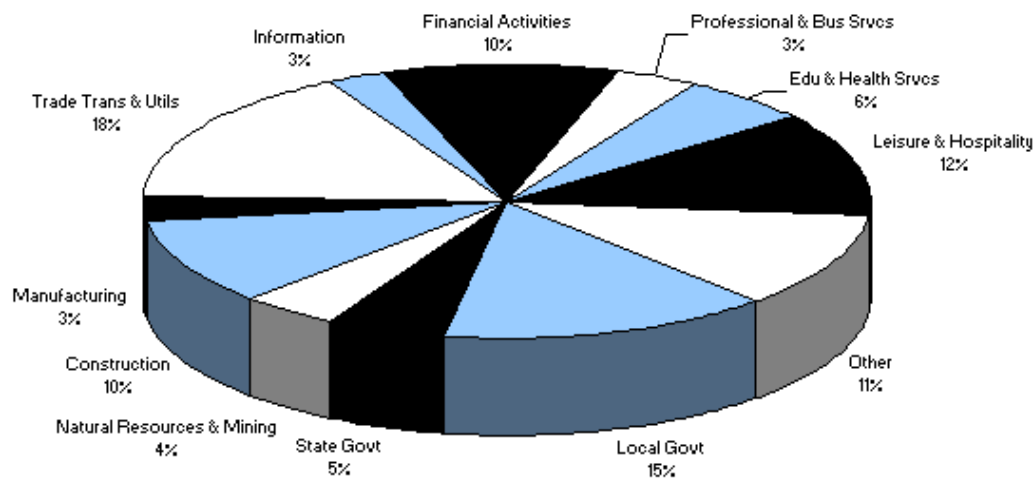


Top Occupations

	Number employed	Percent female	Age 45+	Age 50+
Operating Engineers and Other Construction Equipment Operators AGIA HOT JOB	10	0.0%	6	5
Office and Administrative Support Workers, All Other AGIA	7	71.4%	1	1
Cashiers	6	50.0%	2	2
Office Clerks, General AGIA	6	83.3%	2	2
Home Health Aides	5	60.0%	1	1
Construction Laborers AGIA HOT JOB	5	0.0%	3	1

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Resident Workers by Industry



Workers by Industry

	Number employed	Percent female	Age 45+	Age 50+
Natural Resources and Mining	5	0.0%	4	4
Construction	12	8.3%	5	2
Manufacturing	*	*	*	*
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	19	36.8%	8	6
Information	*	*	*	*
Financial Activities	12	50.0%	3	1
Professional and Business Services	*	*	*	*
Educational and Health Services	7	85.7%	2	2
Leisure and Hospitality	14	50.0%	5	2
State Government	6	16.7%	1	1
Local Government	17	64.7%	10	7
Other	13	69.2%	5	5
Unknown	0	0.0%	0	0

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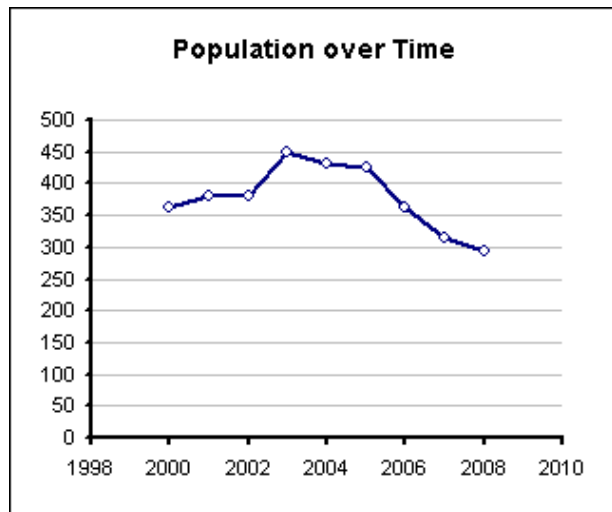
Recent Unemployment Statistics

	09/2009	10/2009	11/2009	12/2009
UI Claimants**	31	51	64	71

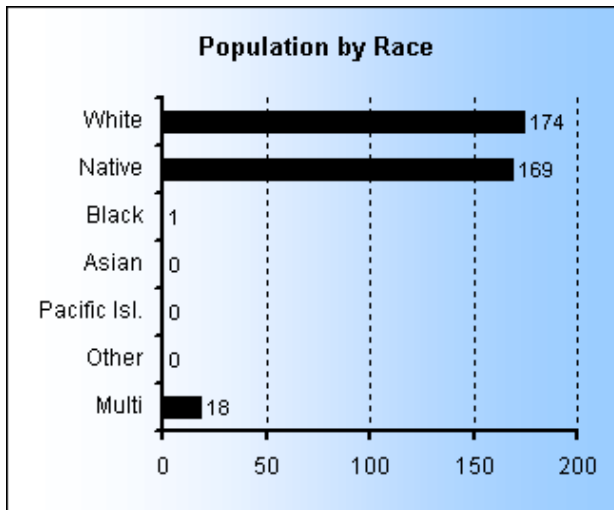
**UI claimants are individuals in this area who had an active claim at any time during the month.

Top Employers (ranked by number of workers)

Copper River School District
Copper River Native Assoc Inc
Ahtna Inc
Alaska Hotel Properties LLC
State of AK (excludes U of A)
Ahtna Contractors LLC
Connecting Ties Inc
Huddleston Investments Inc
Kluti Kaah Native Village
Copper Valley Tele Co-op Inc
Ahtna Const & Primary Prod Cor



2000 Census	
Median Age	31
Average Family Size	3.4
Average Household Size	2.7
Per Capita Income	\$15,152
Median Family Income	\$42,500
Median Household Income	\$32,188



(Note: Racial classification is based on self identification. The "Multi" category consists of those who claim to be members of more than one race. The "Native" category includes Alaska Natives and American Indians.)

Source: Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Research and Analysis Section
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